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SUBJECT: VOLCANIC ERUPTION NEAR GEOTHERMAL POWER STATION

REF: REYKJAVIK'S A-13, MAY 10, 1977

ON SEPTEMBER 8 VOLCANIC ERUPTION OCCURRED ABOUT THREE MILES FROM KRAFLA GEOTHERMAL POWER STATION, ABOUT TWO MILES NORTH OF LEIRHNUKUR MOUNTAIN AND THREE TO FOUR MILES FROM KRAFLA PLANT. LAVA FLOW FROM HALF MILE LONG CRACK WAS ONLY ABOUT THREE FEET THICK, BUT IT SPREAD OVER RELATIVELY WIDE AREA (APPROXIMATELY FIVE SQUARE MILES). SOME EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENT. THE DIATOMITE PLANT IN WHICH JOHNS-MANVILLE HAS MINORITY INTEREST IS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY. AREA'S ROADS, HOT WATER PIPES, AND DIATOMITE PLANT'S RESERVOIRS WERE REPORTEDLY DAMAGED, PROBABLY BY EARTHQUAKES, ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS WERE YET AVAILABLE AS TO EXTENT OF SUCH DAMAGE. FISSURE IS NOT ONE OF THOSE WHICH WAS ACTIVE EARLIER.

COMMENT: SPECTACULAR PHOTOGRAPHS ACCOMPANYING

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LENGTHY ARTICLES ON ERUPTION DOMINATED TODAY'S (SEPTEMBER 9) NEWS AND FURTHER COVERAGE WILL DOUBTLESSLY APPEAR ON TIV NEWS TONIGHT. GIVEN THIS PUBLICITY, CRITICS OF KRAFLA PROJECT WILL AGAIN CALL VARIOUS POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL PARTIES TO TASK FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN PLACING ICELAND'S FIRST MAJOR GEOTHERMAL POWER

PLANT IN MIDDLE OF GEOLOGICALLY UNSTABLE KRAFLA
AREA (REPAIR).
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